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REF: A. LENINGRAD 689; B. MOSCOW 6667; C. STATE 101926

PARIS FOR NESCO

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (A), US PARTICIPANTS WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION ON TOPICS WHICH ADMIRAL RASSOKHO SUGGESTED BE ADDED TO AGENDA FOR SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS.

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GESTED BE ADDED TO AGENDA FOR SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO SCHEDULING, IT WOULD SEEM FROM
REF (C) THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE INITIATED
ON MORNING OF 27TH, SINCE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF
JOINT COMMITTEE NOW SCHEDULED FOR THAT AFTERNOON.

IF CONSULTATIONS CANNOT BE COMPLETED ON MORNING OF
27TH, IT IS POSSIBLE THEY COULD BE CONTINUED LATER
DURING WEEK. HOWEVER, SCHEDULING OF SECOND SESSION
ON IOC MATTERS SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ACTIVITIES OF
JOINT COMMITTEE. THUS ANY DECISION ON THIS MATTER

WILL HAVE TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF MEETINGS ON 27TH.

2. AS FOLLOW-ON TO CLINGAN-RASSOKHO LETTER CONTAINED
REF (C), IT IS REQUESTED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. DAVID
WALLACE BE PASSED TO ADMIRAL RASSOKHO:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ADMIRAL RASSOKHO:

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT THE
SOVIET UNION LATER THIS MONTH FOR THE MEETING OF THE US-
USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN WORLD OCEAN STU-
DIES. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND FROM PROF. THOMAS CLINGAN,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND FISH-
ERIES AFFAIRS, THAT HE AND OTHER U.S. SCIENTISTS WHO WILL
ATTEND THE MEETING WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU AND SOME
OF YOUR COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS A FEW KEY PROBLEMS RELATED
TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION. I
HOPE THAT THIS WILL INITIATE A SERIES OF FREQUENT FUTURE
CONSULTATIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO INCREASE THE EFFEC-
TIVENESS OF THE COMMISSION.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IOC IS, HOWEVER, DEPENDENT ON A
NUMBER OF FACTORS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE STRENGTH OF THE
SECRETARIAT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS NOT
STRONG ENOUGH TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF THE COM-
MISSION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEPUTY
IGOSS POSITION AND THE COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS
POSITION. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THE
DEPUTY FOR IGOSS WILL BE LEAVING IN A FEW MONTHS AND
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THAT HE WILL BE REPLACED BY A MORE CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL.

HOWEVER, WE REMAIN EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
SECRETARIAT'S CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH COOPERATIVE INVES-
TIGATIONS. PAST COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE CONTRIB-
UTED GREATLY TO THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMS. WE BELIEVE
THAT, ALTHOUGH THE IOC SHOULD CONCENTRATE MORE ON PROCESS
ORIENTED AND LONG-TERM REGIONAL PROGRAMS, COOPERATIVE

INVESTIGATIONS, PERHAPS WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS, CAN
CONTINUE TO SERVE A USEFUL ROLE. HOWEVER, THE IOC SECRE-
TARIAT MUST BE ESPECIALLY STRONG IN THIS AREA.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE AT THE MOMENT. AS A RESULT OF THE
SECRETARIAT'S LIMITATIONS, EXISTING IOC COOPERA-
TIVE PROGRAMS HAVE SUFFERED. YOU WILL RECALL I PERSON-
ALLY DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH YOU. IN FACT, IT WAS
MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DR. MAMYEV WAS TO HAVE RETURNED TO
THE SOVIET UNION A YEAR OR TWO AGO. I AM NOW INFORMED
THAT DR.MAMAYEV HAS ASKED TO HAVE HIS CONTRACT RENEWED

FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS
YEAR.

IN OUR VIEW, IT IS ESSENTIAL, IN LINE WITH OUR PAST
AGREEMENT, THAT DR. MAMAYEV BE REPLACED. IF YOU CONSIDER
IT IMPORTANT THAT HIS POSITION BE FILLED BY A SOVIET
SCIENTIST, WE WOULD SUPPORT THIS, ALTHOUGH THE FINAL
SELECTION MUST OF COURSE BE MADE BY UNESCO.

IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US EXACTLY WHAT ROLE COOPERATIVE
INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD PLAY IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, THE
UNITED STATES CANNOT SUPPORT IOC ADOPTION OF ANY FUTURE
COOPERATIGE INVESTIGATIONS UNTIL THE IOC SECRETARIAT
IMPROVES ITS CAPABILITIES IN THIS AREA.

I URGE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR MOST
SERIUS CONSIDERATION IN THE HOPE THAT, DURING THE CONSUL-
TATIONS ON IOC LATER THIS MONTH, YOU AND OUR REPRESENT-
ATIVES CAN REACH A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION TO THIS
PROBLEM.

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WITH BEST REGARDS,

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